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~~38~~. The carpet according to claim ²¹~~37~~, wherein the polymeric binder is a polyurethane.

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~~39~~. The carpet according to claim ²²~~38~~, wherein said formulation further comprises a filler, pigment and grinding aids mixed therein.

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~~40~~. The carpet according to claim ²²~~38~~, wherein said formulation further comprises a surfactant mixed therein.

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 17-40 remain in the application.

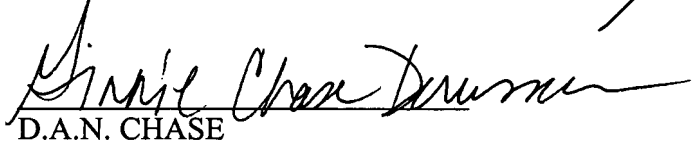
Applicants wish to thank Examiners Rajguru and Acquah for the courteous interview granted applicants' attorney on March 27, 2001.

As indicated on the Examiner Interview Summary Report, it was agreed that the new claims 17-36 are patentable over Scholz. Claims 37-40 depend from allowable claim 17 and are more limited. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed for the one-month extension fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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